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LETTER DATED 11 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the following message from H.E. Mr. Jose Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, with the request that it be circulated as a document of the United Nations Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN DUNEM "MBINDA"
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 11 March 1993 from the President of Angola addressed to the Secretary-General

It gives me great pleasure to address Your Excellency, in reference to the situation in Angola, particularly the South African involvement besides UNITA, in the war that they are carrying on.

The Government of the Republic of Angola has just obtained the confirmation through reliable sources in South Africa that the support logistics operations, which was given to UNITA some months ago, is directed from Pretoria, by a South African citizen known by the name of Gert de Klerk, who for this purpose utilizes the enterprise "Wonder Air", registered in his personal name.

The mentioned enterprise has various planes DC-3, DC-4 and DC-6 and sometimes also operates with Hercules C-130. During the months of November and December 1992, they flew daily and through the night to Angola's interior from the airport of Wonderboom, near Pretoria. After the public denouncement by the Angolan Government and by neighbouring countries who protested against the violation of their airspace, the enterprise started operating from a private airstrip located in one of his properties from January. Eyewitnesses have confirmed the loading of food, medicines, weapons and ammunitions and these goods were sent to UNITA during the last five months.

Last 26 February 1993, a meeting took place in Pretoria between the Foreign Affairs Department, the South African Defence Forces (SADF), the Air Force, the National Intelligence Service and representatives of the Civil Aviation, where they discussed the details of the above-mentioned flight operations that were later revealed to the press by some participants of the armed forces who disagreed with the accusations made against them.

Gert de Klerk has personal links with the South African Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Pik Botha, and with the former Defence Minister, Mr. Magnus Mallan, who gave cover to this operation. President de Klerk himself is well informed of the present scandal and had called a meeting under the auspices of his cabinet which did not conclude on 5 March.

The Government of the Republic of Angola avails itself that Your Excellency take into consideration the present information and utilize your personal influence in the sense of calling upon the South African Government to stop immediately such operations.

I also request Your Excellency to circulate this letter as a document of the United Nations Security Council.

(Signed) Jose Eduardo DOS SANTOS
President of the Republic of Angola